

In the Claims:

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A spindle unit of a machine tool for mounting a tool or a workpiece pallet on a forward end of a spindle, comprising:

a spindle supported by a housing so as be rotatable;

a clamping ~~[[means]]~~ device provided in a hollow portion of the spindle and including a draw bar for engaging the tool or the workpiece pallet and an elastic member for pulling the draw bar rearward;

an unclamping ~~[[means]]~~ device provided at a rear portion of the spindle for pushing the draw bar forward to thereby release the tool or the workpiece pallet; and

an oil pool chamber formed in the hollow portion of the spindle ~~to have~~ having a closed chamber structure and including bearing portions for supporting the draw bar on both sides ~~thereof to be~~ configured so that the draw bar is movable forward and rearward, said bearing portions having substantially the same size so that the volume of the oil pool chamber does not change when the draw bar is moved forward and rearward.

2. (Currently Amended) The spindle unit of a machine tool according to claim 1, wherein the bearing portions ~~comprises~~ comprise a front cylindrical bearing portion ~~[[(21)]]~~ for ~~fitting therein~~ receiving a support shaft portion ~~[[(19)]]~~ of the draw bar ~~[[(9)]]~~ and a rear cylindrical bearing portion ~~[[(39)]]~~ for ~~fitting therein~~ receiving a shaft collar ~~[[(33)]]~~ fixed on the draw bar ~~[[(9)]]~~, and the oil pool chamber is configured such that an inner diameter size of the front cylindrical bearing portion ~~[[(19)]]~~ is equal to an inner diameter size of the rear cylindrical bearing portion ~~[[(39)]]~~.

3. (Currently Amended) The spindle unit of a machine tool according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein the spindle includes at least two passages formed therein which ~~provides communication~~ communicate between an outside of the spindle and the oil pool chamber, and the openings of

the [[two]] passages to the oil pool chamber are formed to be spaced apart from each other at angular interval of about 180 degrees about a center axis of the spindle.

4. (New) The spindle unit of a machine tool according to claim 2, wherein the spindle includes at least two passages formed therein which communicate between an outside of the spindle and the oil pool chamber, and the openings of the passages to the oil pool chamber are formed to be spaced apart from each other at angular interval of about 180 degrees about a center axis of the spindle.